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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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June 23, 2004

TO: Conservation Commission Members and Friends

FROM: Mark Clark, Executive Director

RE: **JULY 14, 2004 COMMISSION TOUR & INTERACTION DINNER MEETING**
JULY 15, 2004 REGULAR CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

The Regular Conservation Commission meeting will be held Thursday, July 15, 2004, at the Best Western - Cotton Tree Inn Convention Center, Mt Vernon, Washington hosted by the Skagit Conservation District preceded by a tour and interaction dinner meeting on Wednesday, July 14, 2004.

Rooms are available at the Best Western - CottonTree Inn. Reservations have been confirmed for Commission Members only.

Best Western – CottonTree Inn
2300 Market Place
Mt. Vernon, WA
Phone: 360.428.5678

Wednesday, July 14, 2004

9:00 a.m. Commission Budget Planning Work Session

Best Western – CottonTree Inn Convention Center
The Lopez Room
2300 Market Place
Mt. Vernon, WA

1:00 p.m. The **Skagit Conservation District** has arranged for the **Conservation Commission Tour**. We will be visiting sites throughout the watershed and look at projects implemented with a variety of program and funding mechanisms, different resource concerns with different land uses, and highlight a variety of partnerships. We will meet at the Best Western - CottonTree Inn. (See the attached Tour Agenda)

Best Western – CottonTree Inn
2300 Market Place
Mt. Vernon, WA

Please RSVP to Carolyn Kelly or Cora Amburn-Lijek 360.428.4313 (Skagit CD) by Wednesday, July 7, 2004.

Wednesday, July 14, 2004

6:00 p.m. Interaction Dinner Meeting

A no-host interaction dinner meeting with the Skagit, Whatcom, Snohomish, Whidbey Island, Jefferson, Clallam, and San Juan Conservation Districts will be held at the following location:

Cranberry Tree Restaurant

2030 Freeway Dr.

Mt. Vernon, WA

(360)424-7755

Please RSVP Carolyn Kelly or Cora Amburn-Lijek 360.428.4313 (Skagit CD) by Wednesday, July 7, 2004.

Thursday, July 15, 2004

8:30 a.m. The **Regular Conservation Commission Meeting** will be held at the Best Western
to CottonTree Inn Convention Center located at:

4:00 p.m. Best Western – CottonTree Inn Convention Center

The San Juan Room

2300 Market Place

Mt. Vernon, WA

Lunch is on your own. A restaurant is located within the hotel or there are many others in close proximity.



Skagit Conservation District

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May 10, 2004

On behalf of the Skagit Conservation District Board of Supervisors, I would like to invite you to participate in a field tour featuring District projects in Skagit County on Wednesday, July 14, from 1-5 p.m. This tour is being held prior to the Conservation Commission meeting, which will be held on Thursday, July 15 in Mount Vernon.

We plan to visit sites throughout the watershed and look at projects implemented with a variety of program and funding mechanisms, different resource concerns with different land uses, and highlight a variety of partnerships.

Our current plans are for us to visit the following project areas as we travel from the middle watershed down to the sea:

Skiyou Slough – Skagit River - Salmon Recovery Funding Board and Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) funds were used on this multiple landowner project that features: land acquisition, easements, culvert replacements, a bridge, and riparian plantings.

Neff Farm– Samish River – This highly visible CREP project that was designed and implemented to support not only the needs of fish, wildlife and water quality, but sustainable agriculture.

No Name Slough - Padilla Bay – A walk along the dike trail will focus on marine and nearshore environments, the Department of Ecology funded No Name Slough Watershed Project, urban/farmland interface problems, and tide gates.

Each site is fairly accessible, but comfortable walking shoes are recommended. As always, be prepared for Puget Sound weather!

The field tour will be followed by a no-host interactive dinner meeting with the Conservation Commission at the Cranberry Tree Restaurant in Mount Vernon.

We hope that you or a member of your organization will be able to participate in this tour. To help us plan transportation and notify the restaurant of attendees, we would appreciate your response by July 7, letting us know whether or not you will be able to accept our invitation. Please contact our office by phone at 360-428-4313 or by email at skagitcd@skagitcd.org.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Kelly
District Manager

Directions



Cranberry Tree Restaurant

2030 Freeway Drive
Mt. Vernon, Washington



CottonTree Inn & Convention Center

2300 Market Street
Mt. Vernon, WA
360.428.5678

- From Interstate 5 take exit 227, College Way and go east on College Way to Riverside Drive, turn left, travel 2 blocks, the Best Western CottonTree Inn is located on the left.
- If you are traveling north from the Seattle area, turn right off the exit.
- If you are traveling from the south from the Bellingham area, turn left off the exit, proceed east to the intersection of Riverside Drive and College Way. Turn left, proceed ½ mile north on Riverside Drive. The Best Western CottonTree Inn will be located on the left.



